

# Early Education and Childcare District Profile 2024

Tamworth

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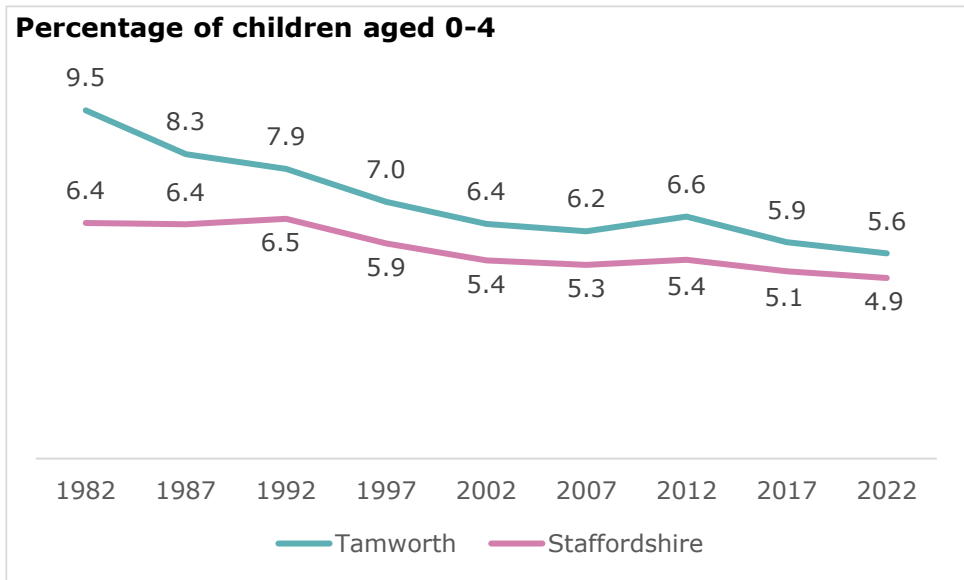


## Population

In 2022 the population of Staffordshire stood at 886,300, a rise in the last 40 years of more than 15% from 765,300 in 1982. All but one district has seen a population rise in this period, but not all by the same amount or the same pace. In Tamworth the overall population has grown from 66,000 to 79,600.

However while there has been an overall rise this has been largely due to our ageing population and actually as you will see below the percentage of children aged 0-4 has actually fallen.

In Tamworth there has been a fall from 6,300 children aged 0-4 to 4,500 in 2022 compared to 1982. So now 5.6% of the population in the district is under 5 compared to 9.5% previously.



	Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4
Amington	108	89	102	83	94
Belgrave	84	83	97	126	92
Bolehall	78	69	75	81	92
Castle	74	57	69	58	84
Glascote	112	93	101	98	124
Mercian	53	65	72	84	72
Spital	83	78	97	98	89
Stonydelph	87	106	104	94	110
Trinity	76	65	70	66	92
Wilnecote	108	108	113	111	107
<b>Tamworth</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>956</b>

**In 2023 774 babies were born in Tamworth.**

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### Population

Indicator	Time period	Tamworth	Staffordshire	West Midlands	England
Life expectancy at birth - males (years)	2018-2020	78.6	79.3	78.5	79.4
Life expectancy at birth - females (years)	2018-2020	82.4	83.1	82.5	83.1
Percentage under five	Census 2021	5.60%	5.00%	5.60%	5.40%
Percentage of population from ethnic minority group (excluding white minorities)	Census 2021	4.20%	6.40%	23.00%	19.00%
Percentage of residents aged 3 and over who state English as their main language	Census 2021	95.70%	96.50%	91.00%	90.80%
% children aged 3-4 in 20% most deprived postcodes	2023	23.00%	13.71%	29.90%	19.90%
% children aged 3-4 in 20% least deprived postcodes	2023	17.00%	23.10%		
Lone parent households	Census 2021	11.90%	9.60%	11.80%	11.10%
Average house price	2021	£220,000	£220,000	£225,000	£285,000
Average gross annual residence-based earnings	2021	£27,879	£30,533	£29,799	£31,490
Owner occupied households	Census 2021	67.00%	70.50%	62.80%	61.30%
Privately rented households	Census 2021	14.10%	14.60%	17.90%	20.50%
Socially rented households	Census 2021	18.00%	14.10%	18.20%	17.10%

- ⇒ Life expectancy lower for men and woman in Tamworth.
- ⇒ More than 95% of Tamworth residents are white.
- ⇒ House prices are lower than the England average but similar to Staffordshire .
- ⇒ Household income is lower in Tamworth than overall in Staffordshire.
- ⇒ Less households in Tamworth own their own home compared to Staffordshire and a larger proportion living in social housing.
- ⇒ Nearly a quarter of children under five years live in the 20% most deprived postcodes in the UK.
- ⇒ Almost 12% of families are headed by a single parent.

### Education and Attainment

#### EYFSP results for Tamworth 2023 by percentage

	Tamworth						Staffordshire						
	All	FSM	Non FSM	Autumn Born	Spring Born	Summer Born	All	Boys	Girls	All SEN	EHCP	SEN Support	No SEN
All prime areas	72	62	75	78	73	66	77	69	84	22	3	27	82
All specific areas	64	51	68	74	66	55	69	62	76	19	2	24	74
Communication and language	77	69	80	83	78	72	82	76	87	30	4	37	87
Personal, social and emotional development	82	75	84	85	82	80	85	79	91	32	4	40	90
Physical development	82	74	84	86	82	78	86	80	92	39	5	48	91
Literacy	66	52	70	76	68	56	71	65	78	22	2	28	77
Mathematics	74	65	77	82	73	68	79	76	82	35	4	43	83
Understanding the world	80	73	83	86	83	74	82	78	86	35	6	43	88
Expressive arts and design	83	79	85	88	84	79	86	80	92	40	5	49	91
<b>Good level of development</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>74</b>

The table opposite shows the percentage of children achieving a GLD based on where they live in terms of the most to least deprived areas. 50% of children living in the 10% most deprived postcode areas achieved a good level of development (GLD) compared to 65% of those living in Tamworth overall.

In total there was a 33 percentage point difference between the least and most deprived areas.

IMD (1 being the most deprived)	Boys	Girls	Total
1	41	60	50
2	51	77	65
3	67	64	65
4	40	67	48
5	64	74	69
6	54	65	60
7	59	71	63
8	53	82	70
9	66	88	77
10	75	88	83
All	57	74	65

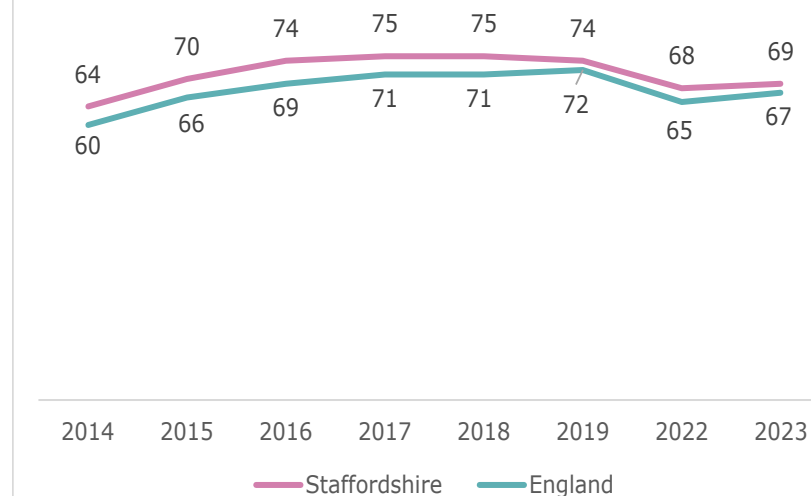
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Indicator	Time period	Tamworth	Staffordshire	West Midlands	England
School readiness (Early Years Foundation Stage)	2022	67.70%	67.50%	63.70%	65.20%
% of children aged 3-4 in receipt of EYPP	2023	21.00%	16.41%		
Percentage Free School Meal Primary	2023	25	18		
Percentage Receiving Pupil Premium	2023	21	16		
SEN Support Primary	2023	14	12		

GLD Trend Analysis



### Staffordshire EYFSP areas of learning 2014-2023\*

Area of Learning	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Communication and Language	80	83	85	84	84	84	82	82
Physical Development	88	88	89	88	88	88	85	86
Personal, Social & Emotional	83	85	87	87	87	87	84	85
Literacy	69	73	76	76	76	76	70	71
Mathematics	75	78	80	81	81	81	78	79
Understanding the World	82	83	86	85	86	86	82	82
Expressive Art and Design	85	86	87	88	88	88	85	86

\* No data collection in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID

- GLD similar in Tamworth to overall in county.
- Higher % of children eligible in Tamworth for FSM.
- Higher % of children in Tamworth receiving EYPP and PP.

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## Think2 Take Up

Think2 has been in place for a number of years. Its aim to provide children aged two from a disadvantaged background with 15 hours per week (38 weeks) of high quality early education to ensure those children get the best start. Families are eligible if they are either not working or working and receiving a low income and would not otherwise be able to afford childcare. Since its rollout thousands of children in Staffordshire have benefitted.

	Eligible families	Take up by child's address		Take up by provider address	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Amington	28	31	111%	31	111%
Belgrave	17	18	106%	15	88%
Bolehall	35	24	69%	48	137%
Castle	32	20	63%	0	0%
Glascote	30	28	93%	16	53%
Mercian	28	20	71%	11	39%
Spital	25	26	104%	26	104%
Stonydelph	34	24	71%	28	82%
Trinity	7	4	57%	10	143%
Wilnecote	28	18	64%	14	50%
Tamworth	264	213	81%	199	75%

### Reading the data

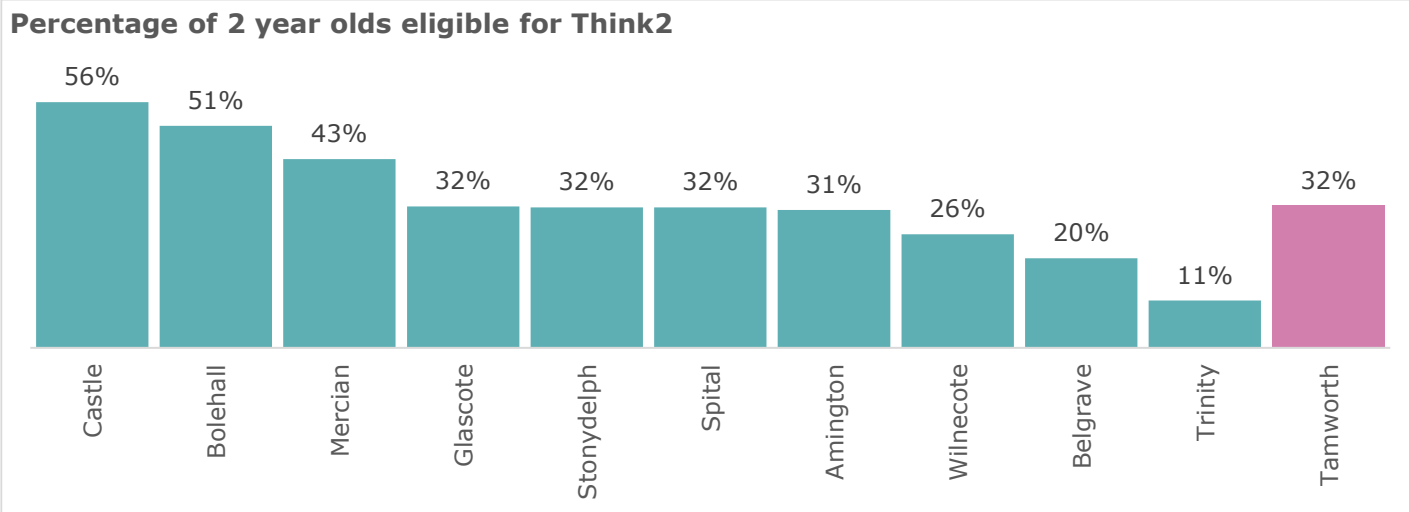
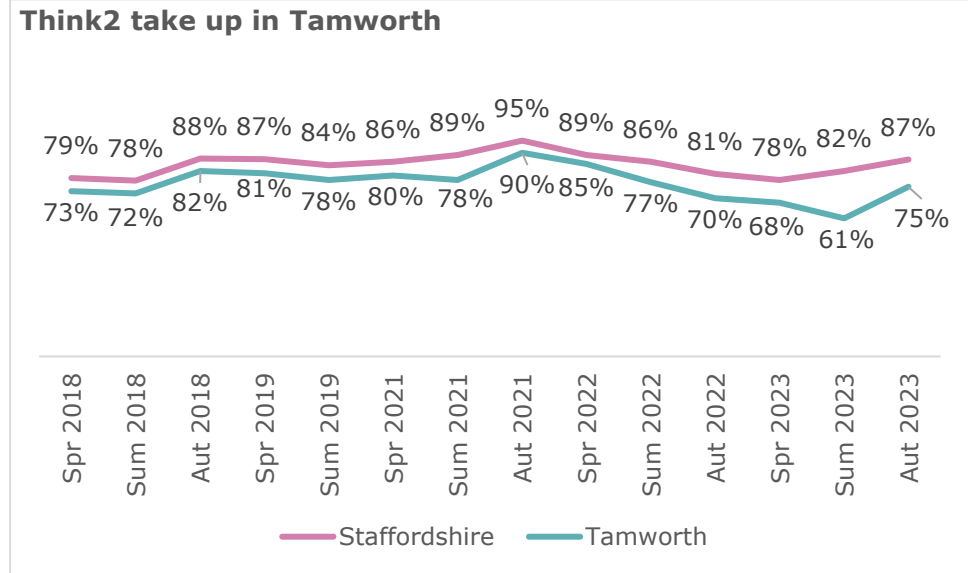
As an authority we have children who attend Staffordshire settings who may not be Staffordshire children. We also have Staffordshire children attending settings not in the county ie in Stoke or Wolverhampton. Overall the numbers of children we 'import' and 'export' are broadly similar.

Take up by provider address - this is any child who is attending a Think2 place in that ward. This may not be a child who lives in the ward or even from the county. This is where the provider is based.

Take up by child address - This is a child who lives in Staffordshire and is attending a setting in Staffordshire. It may not be the same ward or district in which they live but is inside the county boundary.

### Think2 Take Up

- ⇒ Take up in Tamworth has generally been both above and below the target of 80%.
- ⇒ In autumn 2023 213 children living in Tamworth attended a Staffordshire setting to access Think2.
- ⇒ Overall in Staffordshire 24% of all two year olds are eligible for Think2. In Tamworth this is higher at 32%.
- ⇒ Eligibility among two year olds ranges from 56% in Castle down to 11% in Trinity.



Take up in autumn 2023 for Tamworth was 75%

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## Health

Indicator	Time period	Tamworth	Staffordshire	West Midlands	England
Low birthweight babies - full term babies (under 2,500 grams)	2021	1.70%	2.40%	3.00%	2.80%
Excess weight - overweight and obese (children aged four to five)	2021/22	26.40%	25.00%	23.70%	22.30%
Year 6 obesity		16.5		23.9	21
Under-18 conception rates per 1,000 girls aged 15-17	2020	18.5	12.9	15.1	13
Smoking prevalence (18+)	2021	12.30%	9.90%	13.80%	13.00%
Provision of some unpaid care	Census 2021	9.50%	9.80%	8.80%	9.30%
Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children under 15 (rate per 10,000)	2021/22	92.9	88	83.7	84.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	2019-2021	6.7	5.2	5.6	3.9
Breastfeeding	2019-2021	64.2	58.7	68.9	74.5
MMR vaccinations	2019-2021		93.9		90.3
Dip/Polio/Tetanus vaccinations	2019-2021		96.3		93.8
Smoking in pregnancy (%)	2019-2021	9.4	10.1	10.6	9.6
Percentage of children with tooth decay	2019-2021	7.4	14.2		23.4
Percentage of children with extracted teeth	2019-2021	1	1.2		2.2

- ⇒ A higher number of children are admitted to hospital in Tamworth than elsewhere in the county.
- ⇒ More children in Tamworth are overweight at four years old compared to Staffordshire.
- ⇒ A higher number of babies are stillborn compared to the county average.
- ⇒ Less mothers smoke in pregnancy in Tamworth than overall in Staffordshire.
- ⇒ A higher percentage of mothers breastfeed their babies in Tamworth compared to Staffordshire.
- ⇒ Less children have tooth decay or have had teeth extracted than nationally.







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A colorful illustration of a playground scene with children on a swing, a slide, and a child in a wheelchair, with a woman standing nearby. The background shows a city skyline under a blue sky with clouds.

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